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TAGS: EFIN, IS

SUBJECT: TAKEOVER OF ISRAEL-BRITISH BANK LTD.

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REPORT THAT BANK HAPOLIM AND BANK MIZRACHI HAVE TAKEN OVER ISRAEL-BRITISH BANK LTD. AND ITS EIGHT BRANCHES WHEN LATTER FACED SERIOUS LIQUIDITY DIFFICULTIES. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT ALL AVAILABLE DETAILS OF TAKEOVER PARTICULARLY POSITION OF CREDITORS, RESPONSIBILITIES OF BUYING BANKS TO PROTECT INVESTORS, POSITION OF LONDON SUBSIDIARY AND ATTITUDE OF GOI RE FOREIGN CREDITORS. WE ASSUME GOI HELPED ARRANGE TAKEOVER OF BANK WHEN TROUBLE BECAME CRITICAL.

2. FYI - REQUEST FOR ABOVE INFO AT BEHEST OF U.S. CREDITOR TO ISRAEL-BRITISH BANK WHO DOES NOT WANT INQUIRY KNOWN TO ISRAELIS. THEREFORE, REQUEST EMBASSY COUCH ITS INQUIRIES RE BANK TAKEOVER IN GENERAL TERMS OF NORMAL INTEREST IN ISRAELI ECONOMY.

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3. AFTER ABOVE WRITTEN, DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT ISRAEL-

PRITISH BANK WAS ACTUALLY TAKEN OVER BY BANK OF ISRAEL FOR
INITIAL PERIOD BUT WILL PROBABLY BE SOLD LATER. SISCO

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